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Ex Parte Reexamination Interview Summary	Control No.	Patent Under Reexamination	
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All participants (USPTO personnel, patent owner, patent owner's representative):

(1) Joseph D. Torres (3) _____

(2) Abigail Cousins (4) _____

Date of Interview: 01 November 2005

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ patent owner 2) ☐ patent owner's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: N/A

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Any other agreement(s) are set forth below under "Description of the general nature of what was agreed to..."

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: N/A.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Abigail Cousins confirmed that a Divisional Reissue of the current Application had been filed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims patentable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims patentable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

JOSEPH D. TORRES
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: 37 CFR 1.177 (a) requires that the first sentence of the specification provide a notice stating that more than one reissue application has been filed and identifying each of the reissue applications by relationship, application number and filing date.
Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 1 is in conditions for allowance. The Applicant's reply states that a divisional reissue has been filed. The Attorney, Abigail Cousins confirmed that a Divisional Reissue of the current Application had been filed.

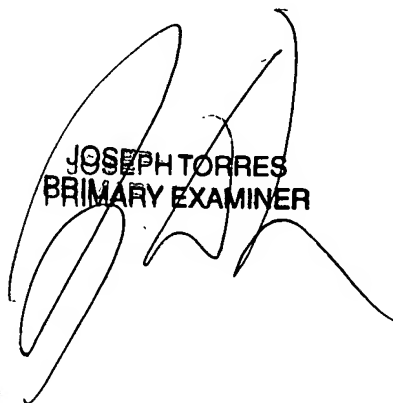
Conclusion

3. The current Application will be suspended until all reissue divisional applications have been examined.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph D. Torres whose telephone number is (571) 272-3829. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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